(b) whether in order to protect environment and stop the use of firewood freehold or subsidized L.P.G. are being considered as an option; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The people of the hilly regions of the country, including Uttaranchal State, collect dried and fallen wood from the forests apart from lopping the branches of trees. The pressure is considerable and an adverse effect on the forests and environment cannot be ruled out.

(b) and (c) The Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and IBP Company Limited are marketing subsidized domestic LPG throughout the country. In order to encourage use of LPG by the people living in rural/hilly areas of the country including the State of Uttaranchal, OMCs have also introduced domestic LPG cylinders of 5 kg. In addition, some areas in the vicinity of Corbett Tiger Reserve have been provided L.P.G. in subsidized rates:

Year	No. of LPG in subsidized rates
2001-02	100
2002-03	120
2003-04	210

Mega food parks

1247. MS. PRAMILA BOHINDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up mega food parks across the country with a view to exploit the potential of food processing industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the food parks that are proposed to be set up in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Government does not set up food parks on its own. However, assistance under the infrastructure scheme is provided to different implementing agencies for establishment of food parks © 25% of the project cost in genora! areas and 33.33% in difficult areas subject tc a maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore. So far assistance hos been approved for 51 food parks including one in Orissa. A proposal to introduce a new plan scheme for mega food park was submitted to the Planning Commission. This » under examination in the light of advvice of Planning Commission.

Assistance to FPIs in Maharashtra and Punjab

1248. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance provided to food processing industries in Punjab and Maharashtra during the last five years; and

(b) the ~~d~~ataits of assistance given fer cold storage" facilities during the period, yeer-wtee and State-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal for increasing the assistance to 33 per cent which is now being given to some of the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Details of assistance sanctioned to the food processing industries and cold storages during 10th Plan up to December, 2005 State-wise is given in the Statement (See below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.